

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

Meeting to be held on the 9th December 2019

Task & Finish Group Update

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Executive Summary

To receive an update on the Task & Finish Groups

Recommendation

Panel is asked to:

Note the Update Report

Task & Finish Groups 2019/20

At the AGM of the Panel in July it was resolved that existing Chairs and Members of Task and Finish Groups be contacted to check if they were still happy to be part of the process with additional volunteers sought as appropriate to facilitate membership and work scopes to be agreed at this meeting. Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty about Panel Membership it was noted this had not been possible.

It was agreed at the September meeting of the Panel therefore that Subject Task and Fish Leaders (Champions) be nominated from the core constituent membership as currently identified and that the Panel confirm these nominations and subject areas to facilitate work to commence on task and finish areas for 2019/20.

Councillor Berry agreed to lead on Frontline Policing

Councillor Whipp agreed to lead on the Contact Centre

Following the September meeting of the Panel, the Secretary's office sought additional Panel members to complete the two Task & Finish Groups for this year.

Councillor Boswell joined the Frontline Policing Task and Finish Group along with Councillor Whipp, and Councillor Hughes has joined the Contact Centre Task and Finish Group.

The Secretary's office confirmed with Councillor Berry the key areas for scrutiny for task and Finish group 1 and specific information is being prepared by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for circulation to Task and Finish Group members on these areas.

- Neighbourhood policing and response teams and their interactions, and whether there is evidence that this model of policing works;
- The balance between neighbourhood policing and response teams, and whether there is a need to recruit more PCSOS and Specials to assist neighbourhood policing;
- Progress in reducing knife crime.

Once this information has been circulated the group will consider and determine how it would like to progress further scrutiny of the topic in advance of reporting back to the Panel in March.

Councillor Whipp will be similarly providing information to the Secretary's office identifying the area's for closer scrutiny in respect of the Contact Centre and then determining how the Task and Finish group will progress more detailed scrutiny in advance of reporting back to the Panel in March.

Consultations

All Members of the Panel are consulted in relation to Task and Finish Group work as set out in this report.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk Management

The requirement for an Independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Legal Implications

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 introduced Police and Crime Panels (PCP) as formal joint committee of all the local authorities in a police force area, with the following main responsibilities.

- making recommendations on the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Police and Crime Plan and Annual Reports;

- consider the PCCs appointment of a Chief Constable, with the Panel having power of veto over the appointment;
- consider the level of precept to be set by the PCC, again with a power of veto;
- review certain senior appointments by the PCC;
- scrutinise and support the activities of the PCC.

The creation of Task & Finish Groups to fulfil the scrutiny of the work of the Commissioner is appropriate and meets the legislative function of the Panel.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate N/A